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## GDR BREAKS PROMISES TO REFUGEES; RUEGEN LABOR CAMP

Berlingske Tidende's Berlin correspondent reported 26 May 1953 that according to the West Berlin organization, "The Free Jurists," 179 persons who had fled to West Germany responded to GDR Prime Minister Grotewohl's promises of good treatment if they returned to the GDR. The organization stated, according to the correspondent; that the returnees were sent to screening camps at Eisenach and Frankfurt/Oder; they were told that this was only for purposes of registration and that they would quickly be set free. However, the report added, only eight of the returned escapees were set free. As for the others, 36 were held for investigation, four were shot attempting to escape, and the rest were sent to forced-labor camps.

The dispatch stated that "\_he Free Jurists" have also ascertained that prisoners in Bautzen Prison are manufacturing uniforms and cartridge belts.

In the same report, the correspondent also stated  $\sqrt{possibly}$  also on the basis of information from "The Free Jurists" that there is a forced-labor camp at Glowe on the island of Ruegen. He said that at the beginning of May there were 8,000 prisoners in the camp but that during the summer of 1953 the number will rise to 20,000. The dispatch added that the prisoners are engaged in construction work to transform Jasmunder Bodden (Jasmund Lake) into a powerful naval base -- a project planned by the Nazis but never carried out; and that a channel 240 meters wide and 22 meters deep and protected by massive moles is being dredged. The correspondent stated that the commander of the camp is a brother of the infamous Minister Selbmann.

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